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SUBJECT: TONGSUN PARK TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

REF: A) STATE 044006, B) SEOUL 1403

1. SLIGHTLY EDITED TEXTS OF NOTES REFERRED
TO IN REF (A) PROVIDING FOR TONGSUN
PARK'S TRAVEL TO USA AT THIS TIME WERE EXCHANGED BETWEEN
ROK EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 21.
TEXT SUBSTANCE AS PROVIDED REFTEL. WE ANTICIPATE INFORMING
PRESS AT NOON BRIEFING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

2. PAROLE AUTHORITY PROBABLY WILL BE GRANTED LATE TODAY.

3. TRAVEL BY TONGSUN PARK TO HAWAII ON KAL 006, ARRIVING
HONOLULU 1030 FEBRUARY 23 IS SATISFACTORY. JUSTICE DEPT.
OFFICIALS PLAN TO MEET PARK ABOARD AIRCRAFT AFTER LANDING
IN HONOLULU AND BEGIN FULL SECURITY AND PROTECTIVE CUSTODY
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ARRANGEMENTS. LATTER MAY PRECLUDE TONGSUN PARK STAYING AT
FRIEND'S RESIDENCE IN HONOLULU, ALTHOUGH THERE WOULD BE
NO OBJECTION TO HIS VISITING THERE DURING DAYTIME. IN
ORDER FOR PROTECTIVE SECURITY TO MAKE FINAL DECISION ON
TIMELY BASIS, REQUEST YOU DETERMINE NAME AND ADDRESS OF
FRIEND WITH WHOM PARK PROPOSES TO STAY IN HONOLULU.

4. WE HAVE INFORMED ROK EMBASSY HERE OF ABOVE PLAN FOR MEETING TONGSUN PARK IN HONOLULU AND HAVE REQUESTED URGENT COMMENT IF THIS IS NOT SATISFACTORY. THESE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD MEAN THAT NO U.S. SECURITY PERSONNEL ACCOMPANY PARK FROM SEOUL TO HONOLULU. IF ROKG DESIRES SUCH PROTECTION, WE MUST KNOW IMMEDIATELY. PLEASE CONFIRM. IS ROKG CONSIDERING SENDING ACCOMPANYING SECURITY PERSONNEL ON KAL FLIGHT?

5. AFTER COMMENCEMENT OF U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, TONGSUN PARK'S ACTIVITIES WILL NECESSARILY BE SOMEWHAT RESTRICTED, INCLUDING HIS ACCESS TO PRESS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH TIGHT PROVISIONS OF HIS PAROLE FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES.

6. IN ADDITION TO THE TWO TRAVELLING COMPANIONS LISTED IN REF (B), WE HAVE AN INFORMAL REPORT THAT HENRY CHANG AND ONE OF PARK'S KOREAN ATTORNEYS MAY ALSO BE ACCOMPANYING HIM. PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER THESE OR OTHERS ARE TO BE PART OF THE PARTY. WE WILL NEED TO KNOW NAMES OF ALL INDIVIDUALS WHOM PARK CONSIDERS TO BE TRAVELLING WITH HIM.

7. ROK EMBASSY HERE INFORMS US THAT PARK'S PLANNED ITINERARY BEYOND HONOLULU CONSISTS OF DEPARTURE FROM HAWAII ABOARD UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 99 AT 1930 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 FOR CHICAGO; DEPART CHICAGO SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 26, ABOARD UAL 272 ARRIVING WASHINGTON NATIONAL
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AT 1128. EMBASSY NEED TAKE NO ACTION AT THIS TIME WITH REGARD TO THIS ONWARD ITINERARY. FYI, HOWEVER, THIS SCHEDULE MAY NOT HOLD, SINCE FBI MAY ARRANGE ALTERNATE ITINERARY WHICH IT WILL CONTROL.

8. PROBLEM OF SHARING AVAILABLE TIME BEFORE HANNA TRIAL BETWEEN HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES WAS RESOLVED SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18. HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE WILL QUESTION TONGSUN PARK FOR FIRST TWO WEEKS, FOLLOWED BY SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE FOR ONE WEEK. FURTHER TESTIMONY, IF REQUIRED, WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE OR AFTER HANNA TRIAL, AS FEASIBLE.
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